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(57) Abstract			
<p>The invention relates to the identification and disruption of essential fungal specific genes isolated in the yeast pathogen <i>Candida albicans</i> namely <i>CaKRE5</i>, <i>CaALR1</i> and <i>CaCDC24</i> and to the use thereof in antifungal diagnosis and as essential antifungal targets in a fungal species for antifungal drug discovery. More specifically, the invention relates to the <i>CaKRE5</i>, <i>CaALR1</i> and <i>CaCDC24</i> genes, to their use to screen for antifungal compounds and to the drugs identified by such.</p>			

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